

July 30, 2009

The Ottumwa League of Women Voters strongly supports the City of Ottumwa's application for a grant to repair the north entrance to City Hall. This Historic Building is the "face" of our city and is in constant use by local citizens, city staff, visitors to the city, and those conducting business with the city.

The League of Women Voters conducts numerous candidate forums in the second floor Council room. These forums are held to inform voters about local issues by allowing local, state and school board candidates a non-partisan venue to address the public. Having the stairs repaired would make it much easier for citizens, to attend these forums.

We feel that this project merits consideration for I-Jobs funds because it is a structurally sound, architecturally significant building. The repair would make the entrance safer while maintaining the style and appearance of this fine old building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Sels". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sarah Sels

President Ottumwa League of Voters



August 3, 2009

Mr. Joseph Jones
Director of Governmental Affairs
Iowa Finance Authority

RE: City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application
City Hall Reconstruction Project

On behalf of the Ottumwa Area Chamber of Commerce, we support the City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application for the reconstruction of the Fourth Street Entrance of City Hall. City Hall has multiple uses for our community.

The deterioration and safety issue related to the condition of the steps is important to our community. The visual appearance is also very important for our business community and visitors to the Central Business District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry L. McNitt".

Terry McNitt
Executive Director



August 3, 2009

Mr. Joseph Jones
Director of Governmental Affairs
Iowa Finance Authority

RE: City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application
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On behalf of the Ottumwa Economic Development Corporation, we support the City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application for the reconstruction of the Fourth Street Entrance of City Hall. City Hall has multiple uses for our community.

The deterioration and safety issue related to the condition of the steps is important to our community. The visual appearance is also very important for our business community and visitors to the Central Business District.

Sincerely,

Roger Jones *BJJ*

Roger Jones
Executive Director



July 28, 2009

City of Ottumwa
105 East Third Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Dear Mayor Uehling,

The Ottumwa Historic Preservation Commission strongly supports the efforts made by the City of Ottumwa in obtaining a grant from I-JOBS for the reconstruction of the Fourth Street City Hall Entrance.

The City Hall building is a critical historic structure in Ottumwa. Decay over the past 80 years has led to an unsafe structure that needs to be addressed. Reconstruction is the only solution to fix this potential hazard.

If we can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Zesiger", is written over a horizontal line.

Fred Zesiger (Chair)
Ottumwa Historic Preservation Commission